

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A pet food product for promoting comprehensive weight management in companion animals comprising, on a dry matter basis, ~~about~~ 50 to about 70% by weight of a protein, about 4 to about 10% by weight of a fat, about 5 to about 25% by weight of a fiber, about 10 to about 35% by weight of a digestible carbohydrate, and about 0.1 to about 1 % by weight of a functional ingredient, wherein the functional ingredient is selected from the group consisting of L-carnitine and conjugated linoleic acid.

2. (Original) The pet food product of claim 1, wherein said companion animal is selected from the group consisting of a dog and a cat.

3. (Original) The pet food product of claim 1, wherein said fat comprises essential long-chain fatty acids.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously presented) The pet food product of claim 1, wherein a comprehensive weight management includes a change in physiology of a companion animal selected from a group consisting of an increase in lean body mass, weight loss, an increase in the animal's satiety, a decrease in the animal's voluntary food intake, a decrease in blood urea nitrogen levels, and a reduced risk of ketosis.

9. (Original) The pet food product of claim 1, wherein the pet food product is selected from a group consisting of a wet pet food, a semi-moist pet food, a dry pet food, a pet treat, a pet snack, and a pet drink.

10. (Currently Amended) A process for producing a pet food product for companion animals, the process comprising the step of adding ~~about~~ 50 to about 70% by weight of a protein, about 4 to about 10% by weight of a fat, about 5 to about 25% by weight of a fiber, about 10 to about 35% by weight of a digestible carbohydrate, and about 0.1 to about 1% by weight of a functional ingredient, wherein said functional ingredient modulates metabolism and builds lean muscle mass and said functional ingredient is selected from the group consisting of L-carnitine and conjugated linoleic acid.

11. (Original) The process of claim 10, wherein said animal is selected from the group consisting of a dog and a cat.

12. (Original) The process of claim 10, wherein said fat comprises essential long-chain fatty acids.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Original) The process of claim 10, wherein the pet food product is selected from a group consisting of a wet pet food, a semi-moist pet food, a dry pet food, a pet treat, a pet snack, and a pet drink.

Claims 18-57 (Cancelled)

58. (Currently Amended) The pet food product of claim 1, wherein the amount of protein is ~~about~~ 50% by weight.

59. (Canceled)

60. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 10, wherein the amount of protein is ~~about~~ 50% by weight.